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COMPRISING IL-6 ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE INGREDIENT

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 15, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Enclosed are a Petition for Extension of Time, six (6) exhibits (A-F); and a Notice of Appeal. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the attached exhibits and remarks.

I. Status of the claims

No claims are newly amended, added or cancelled. Claims 1-13, 15, 24 and 27-39 were previously cancelled and claims 14, 16-23, 25 and 26 are pending in the application.

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